

From: John K. Heidt [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Misrepresentation of a WVIA Position  
Date: February 22, 2018 at 1:49 PM  
To: Andrew Thomas [andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)



Andrew, that will be fine. Call me tomorrow.

john

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**From:** Andrew Thomas [<mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 12:41 PM  
**To:** John K. Heidt  
**Subject:** Re: Misrepresentation of a WVIA Position

Hey John,

[REDACTED]

I'll give you a ring tomorrow if that's ok. We're getting ready for the trash hauling town hall meeting now and that will take the rest of the afternoon.

This morning was fine. We had a lot of discussion, and heard public comment, extra from Lisa Chapman and Michael Skiles. The Committee ultimately passed a motion to dedicate the March 8th Board meeting to the discussion of the Westwood Forward effort to create the North Westwood Neighborhood Council, and is asking the full Board to make a recommendation at that meeting.

Regarding the BizFed train wreck, I asked Phil and Steve about it. They said they never said what the BizFed Chair told me I could quote her as saying they said. I feel for BizFed. They should have reached out to me to clarify/confirm. Now they are out on a limb and have to undue their letter. In the long run, this probably doesn't move the needle one way or the other since BizFed is not a local player, but they should know better.

Talk tomorrow!

Andrew

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On Feb 22, 2018, at 8:36 AM, John K. Heidt <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Yes, of course, call me later. As much as I would like to come this morning, I have to work. [REDACTED]

John

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2018, at 8:31 AM, Andrew Thomas

[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com) wrote:

Hey John,

Can we chat about this later today? Steve was the person representing the WCC. I'm used him misrepresenting me and the WVIA to people, but not to organizations who base their position on that misrepresentation. That crosses the line.

I don't know what you can do, but maybe he needs to be censured at a WCC meeting or something similar.

Talk soon. Thanks!

Andrew

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)>

Subject: Misrepresentation of a WVIA Position

Date: February 22, 2018 at 6:51:43 AM PST

To: Andrew Thomas <[andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com](mailto:andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com)>

Hello WVIA Board members,

Late yesterday, I received a call from the Chair of BizFed, a large business advocacy group that I'm sure many of you are familiar with. I was informed that representatives from the Westwood Neighborhood Council, the Westwood Community Council, and the Westwood Rotary Club met with, and assured, BizFed that all Westwood businesses, and the WVIA, are united against the Westwood Forward effort to form a new neighborhood council. Because of this assurance, BizFed took a position opposing Westwood Forward.

I corrected the notion that the WVIA has taken a position (as of Feb 21st), and I also informed BizFed that Westwood Forward has support from businesses in our community. BizFed is reviewing their process and will determine how to move forward. The Chair did tell me that BizFed would not have taken its position had they known the WVIA has not taken a position.

It is troubling that the WVIA would be misrepresented in this way. I will reach out to leadership serving the Westwood Neighborhood Council, the Westwood Community Council, and the Westwood Rotary Club to express my concern.

Thank you.

Andrew